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received but no information on the subject was asked for by him. The question whether the orders should stand or be cancelled is under examination."

Supply of electricity to Visakhapatnam town.

* 390 Q.—Sri K. GOVINDA RAO (on behalf of Sri M. Veerabhadram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Visakhapatnam Municipality asked the Government for a loan or grant of Rs. 20,000 for lighting purposes in the town ; and

(*b*) what was the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) An application for a loan of Rs. 20,000 for the purpose was received.

" (*b*) The Municipal Council was informed that in view of the prevailing financial stringency, provision for the loan could not be made in the State Budget for 1953–54."

Quantity of ammonium sulphate damaged during the cyclone in Tanjore district.

* 391 Q.—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the total number of bags of ammonium sulphate damaged during the recent cyclone in Nagapattinam harbour in Tanjore district?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Six thousand and twenty-one bags."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know the loss incurred by the Government? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Rs. 2,76,213-6-0."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the fact that so many bags of ammonium sulphate were lost, due to cyclone, did the Government take proper steps to reimburse the loss in the sense of making ammonium sulphate available to agriculturists in that district? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" We have enough stock of ammonium sulphate, Sir."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the damage was due to natural causes or due to the carelessness of the officers concerned? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" They were stored in the Harbour godowns and were in the charge of the clearing and forwarding agents. Because of the cyclone one of the godowns was inundated and so some of the ammonium sulphate was dissolved and lost."

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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know, Sir, whether the stocks were insured? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Notice, Sir."

Representations from the Tiruchy District Board Tamil Pandits' Union.

* 392 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation from Tiruchy District Board Tamil Pandits' Union in October 1952 regarding the pay and other conditions of service of pandits and munshis in private institutions;

(*b*) whether a deputation on behalf of the said Union waited on the Hon. Minister for Education at Tiruchy on 19th October 1952 and represented the grievances of pandits and munshis; and

(*c*) if so, whether the Government took any steps to redress their grievances?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The requests related in the main to the modification of the orders already issued by Government so as to allow the pandits without the prescribed qualifications the scales of pay admissible to pandits of the first grade. So it was not considered feasible because these applied to all categories of pandits. But certain grievances were attended to, for example, the privilege of probation and the privilege of increments to mere oriental title holders who were on temporary service were conceded."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, after long consultation and deliberations, Government were pleased to revise the scales of pay for Tamil pandits and munshis. Are the Government aware that in spite of the fact that higher scales of pay were sanctioned for Tamil pandits, some of the local bodies are niggardly enough to reduce the scales of pay? For instance the District Board, Tiruchirappalli, and the Corporation of Madras are not paying the scales of pay sanctioned by Government."

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" If specific complaints are made they will be looked into."

SRI P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR :—" Sir, will the Government consider the desirability of abolishing the several classes of pandits and munshis and unify them into one class? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is no question of abolishing several classes. In 1948 Government decided that certain qualifications should be prescribed for grade I pandits and certain other qualifications for grade II pandits. This is all."